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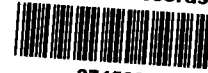
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Mr. Bill Bolen
Chief, Response Section II
Emergency Response Branch
United States Environmental Protection Agency
77 W. Jackson Street
Chicago, IL 60604-3590

Subject: Request for Time Critical Removal Assessment/Possible
Removal Action

Dear Mr. Bolen:

The Chicago Department of Environment (CDOE) requests the U.S. EPA Region 5 Emergency Response Branch to assign an On-Scene Coordinator to conduct a time critical removal assessment and possible removal action at the 55 acre site located near 126th Street and Avenue O in Chicago, IL. The site is bordered by Wolf Creek to the north, Avenue O to the east, and the South Chicago and Southern Railroad tracks to the west. Please refer to the attached figure.

Historic information and a recent field inspection of the site suggests that the property was used for the disposal of slag and other industrial wastes. Fly dumping has also been noted on the site. Analytical testing indicates the presence of hazardous levels of TCLP lead. Elevated levels of arsenic, selenium, chromium, benzene and polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons were also found on site. I have included analytical information with this letter.

CDOE is concerned about the potential health hazards to near by residences and the possible environmental impact to Wolf Creek which is a major tributary to Wolf Lake.

Thank you for considering this site for a time critical removal assessment and possible removal action. Please call me at (312)744-9139 or Kelly Kennoy of my staff at (312)744-8652, if you have any questions or need further information.

Respectfully,

David J. Reynolds, P.E.
First Deputy Commissioner



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